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18. An input/output protection device in accordance with claim 3, wherein the first and second diffusion layers are isolated from each other by a device separating isolation layer on a surface of the semiconductor substrate.

19. An input/output protection device in accordance with claim 4, wherein the first and second diffusion layers are isolated from each other by a device separating isolation layer on a surface of the semiconductor substrate.

20. An input/output protection device in accordance with claim 5, wherein the first and second diffusion layers are isolated from each other by a device separating isolation layer on a surface of the semiconductor substrate. --

## REMARKS

The above changes to the claims have been made, and new claims have been added, to delete the multiple-dependency of the claims.

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